

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before substantive examination of the above-captioned application. Claims 1-9 are currently pending.

Priority

The specification has been amended to update the chain of priority. Specifically, the specification has been amended to reflect that this application is a divisional of it's parent application (USSN 09/862,802) and to update the status of the grandparent application to reflect that U.S. Application Serial No. 09/111,470 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,277,959. No new matter has been added.

Specification

The sequence of ASGPRm on page 12, line 23 of the specification does not have a sequence identification number. Accordingly, applicants have amended page 12, line 23 of the specification to identify ASGPRm as SEQ ID NO: 12. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, on pages 12-13 of the specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The sequences DCMP2s, DCMP2l and DCMP2v on page 12, lines 23-24 of the specification are not identified by sequence identification numbers. Accordingly, applicants have amended page 12, lines 23-24 of the specification to identify DCMP2s as SEQ ID NO: 13, DCMP2l as SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4, and DCMP2v as SEQ ID NOs: 9 and 10. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, on pages 7, 12 and 13 of the specification and in the sequence listing. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The sequence hDCMP1 on page 54, line 32 of the specification is not identified by a sequence identification number. Accordingly, applicants have amended page 54, line 32 of

the specification to identify hDCMP1 as SEQ ID NO: 2. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, on pages 7, 54 and 55 of the specification and in the sequence listing. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Sequence Listing

The sequence listing in this application is identical to the sequence listing that was filed on November 5, 2003 in applicants' parent application, United States Patent Application No. 09/862,802. The sequence listing that was filed on November 5, 2003 amended the previously filed sequence listing in the parent application by adding SEQ ID NOs: 12 and 13. SEQ ID NO: 12 refers to ASGPRm. Support for SEQ ID NO: 12 was found, for example, on pages 12-13 of the specification. SEQ ID NO: 13 refers to DCMP2s. Support for SEQ ID NO: 13 was found, for example, on pages 7, 12 and 13 of the specification. Accordingly, no new matter was added.

CONCLUSION

If the undersigned can be of assistance in addressing issues to advance the application to allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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